

K/R: Briefing of Dr. BRUECKNER by [ ]

At 0945 on 11 June 1956 Dr. Ernst BRUECKNER met [ ] in Room 117 Central Building to receive a briefing on functions and general organization of the CIA. Present also was [ ]

[ ] Previc [ ] to give BRUECKNER only a general broad briefing with accent on CIA's position in relation to other government units and its functions in relation to the same.

[ ] [ ] used two charts in his briefing: one depicting a hodge podge of intelligence terms such as substantive, overt, requirements, etc., and the other showing the Intelligence Advisory Committee and its component par [ ] [ ] took an hour explaining each.

In the first hour, [ ] [ ] generally spoke on intelligence collection coordination, and dissemination, and CIA's role in these fields. After the first ten minutes the briefing became quite informal and BRUECKNER interrupted [ ] [ ] occasionally to ask for definition of terms and conclusions which might be drawn as a result of pairings of certain words.

During this hour [ ] [ ] indicated the various channels by which intelligence might be obtained, e.g. travelers, State Department representatives, couriers, official observers, etc. He then showed how this material was collected and a report compiled. (All very generally.)

Without showing how a source received an evaluation, [ ] [ ] indicated that there was a difference in reports depending on the source. He then slipped into a discussion on reports and estimates and showed wherein they differ.

For the second hour, [ ] [ ] gave a breakdown on the IAC and its relationship to the president. Considerable time was spent in discussing the Joint Chief of Staff component, especially in its relationship to the Army, Air, and Navy components.

Nothing of a sensitive nature was discussed by [ ] [ ] He suggested that we get a copy of Public Law 253 for BRUECKNER.

Although [ ] [ ] was invited to go to lunch with BRUECKNER and [ ] [ ] he declined at the last moment because he had another briefing at 1330 which had been given to him on short notice.

At lunch BRUECKNER remarked that he gained considerable information from [ ] [ ] briefing, which he characterized as clear and logical. Both [ ] [ ] and BRUECKNER are lawyers and BRUECKNER felt this might account for the parallel courses which their thought processes took.

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